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NEWS RELEASE

Charles Hess, Jr. was charged today by Information¹ on charges that he knowingly possessed child pornography between in or about May 2006 and on or about February 5, 2009 on a computer hard drive and six separate CD/DVD-Roms, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Charles Hess, Jr.	Philadelphia, PA	63

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years imprisonment, a minimum of five years of supervised release and a maximum of lifetime supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment .

The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ewald Zittlau.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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